



HARLES, By the grace of God, King of great Britain,
France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

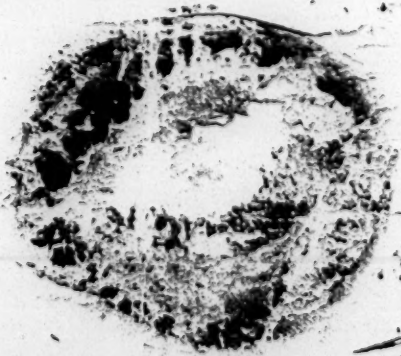
To the Provest and Bailies of our Burgh of And to our Lo-
vits

Messengers, Our Sheriffs in that part conjunctly and severally specially consti-
tute, Greeting. Forasmuch as our Estates of Parliament convened at Edin-
burgh, this 20. of February instant, Taking into consideration the long
continuance of the present Rebellion of some unnaturall Countrey-men, and
the invasion from the Irish, with the great expence must be sustained for sup-
pressing the same, and carrying on the Warre, and how necessary it is that
some solide way be provided for the constant Maintenance of the Forces to
be employed therein; Have therefore concluded, that twelve hundred Horse,
two hundred and ten Dragoons, and six thousand Foot, with their Officers,

shall be entertained and kept on Pay, towards the prosecution of the Warre, untill by Gods blessing the same
be brought to an happy end: Likeas they have enacted and ordained, that ilk Shire and Burgh within the King-
dome shall be lyable and obleiged Monethly, for the space of nine Moneths, in payment of the particular
summes of money contained in the Rolls set down and exprest in our said Act of Parliament, (except the sus-
pension granted to some Shires and Burghs mentioned in the said Act, and what is assigned of the first Moneth
by a former Act to the Regiments that served at *Philip-haugh*) Beginning the first terme from the 10. of Janu-
ary last, and so forth Monethly to the tenth of October next to come: And because the most part of the first
Moneths Maintenance is either assigned or payed; That therefore the remainder thereof not assigned, as also
the payment of the second Moneth, shall begin upon the first of March next, (the intervening dayes being al-
lowed for ingathering thereof) and so Monethly thereafter, from each first day of the Month to another, du-
ring the continuance of the present Maintenance, except what is suspended or assigned as said is: And for in-
bringing of that part of the said nine Moneths Maintenance due to be payed by our severall free Burrows of this
our Kingdom; Our other Letters are direct, Charging the Magistrates of ilk Burgh, To make payment to our
trustie and welbeloved Counciller *Sir John Weemes* of Bogie Knight, Collector-Generall, appointed by the
said Act, or to his Deputes in his name, of the Maintenance imposed upon ilk one of our free Burrows, at the
diets and termes exprest in our Act of Parliament, and conform thereto in all points, under the pain of Rebel-
lion, and putting of them to our Horn. For whose relief;

OUR WILL IS, and we charge you straitly and command, that incontinent thir our
Letters seen, you passe, and in our name and authority command and charge the whole Heretors,
Burgeesses, and inhabitants, or any exercising any trade within our Burgh of and
liberties thereof, to make payment to you our said Provest and Bailies of that summe due to be
payed by them, and ilk one of them for their parts *respectively*, for ilk Moneth of the nine Moneths
Maintenance aforesaid, conform to the Roll of the valuation of the said Burgh, at the dayes and
termes set down in our Act of Parliament: And the saids dayes being past, within three dayes next after they bee
charged by you thereto, under the pain of Rebellion and putting of them to our Horn: And if they failzie there-
in, the saids three dayes for ilk moneth being bygone, that you incontinent thereafter denounce the disobeyers our
Rebels, and put them to our Horn: And escheit and inbring all their moveable goods and geir to our use, for their
disobedience; and if need be, that you our said Provest and Bailies Poinde and distrenzie therefore, according to
justice: The which to do, we commit to you conjunctly and severally our full power by thir our Letters, deliver-
ing the same by you duely execute and indorsed again to the bearer. Given under our Signet at Edinburgh the
20. of February, and of our Reign the 21. year, 1647.

Per actum Parliamenti.



Handwritten signature or scribble, possibly reading 'John Weemes' or similar, with a date '1647' visible.